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SUBJ: CONVERSATIONS WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ON
KOREA AND PUERTO RICO

REF: A) STATE 229493 B) USUN 4651

1. PRIOR RECEIPT REF (B) THIS MORNING, I HAD MADE APPOINT-
MENT FOR 1045 TODAY TO SEE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GARANGO
TO DISCUSS BOTH KOREAN QUESTION AND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE
RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO.

2. I TOLD GARANGO THAT FORMIN ZERBO'S SPEECH AT UNGA HAD
NOT BEEN WELL RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON, ESPECIALLY HIS REMARKS
ON KOREA. I SAID USG JUST COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY UPPER
VOLTA, WHICH MAINTAINS CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS,
SHOULD TAKE SUCH STRONG POSITION IN SUPPORT OF HOSTILE
REOLUTION. I SAID I WANTED TO BE SURE GOUV UNDERSTOOD
THAT, AS FAR AS USG WAS CONCERNED, KOREAN QUESTION WAS MOST
IMPORTANT ITEM ON 30TH UNGA AGENDA. I THEN MADE ALL
OTHER POINTS CONTAINED PARA 7 STATE 225930, AND GAVE
GARANGO FRENCH TEXT OF ZERBO'S REMARKS ON KOREA.

3. GARANGO (WHO IS FAR MORE INTELLIGENT BUT ALSO
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FAR MORE CONSERVATIVE THAN ZERBO) CONFESSED THAT HE

PERSONALLY ALSO HAD DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING UPPER VOLTA'S CO-SPONSORSHIP OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION IN VIEW OF GOUV'S WELL KNOWN POLICY OF NEUTRALITY ON KOREAN QUESTION. HE SAID HE BELIEVED PRESIDENT LAMIZANA HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ZERBO ON THIS QUESTION. HE ADDED HE WOULD INFORM PRESIDENT IN DETAIL ABOUT OUR CONVERSATION BUT SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR ME TO SEE PRESIDENT ONCE MORE ON KOREAN PROBLEM.

4. I THEN INFORMED GARANGO THAT FRANCE HAD PROPOSED CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND THAT I WAS EXPECTING FRENCH TEXT OF THESE AMENDMENTS IN NEAR FUTURE. I SAID I HOPED THIS NEW ELEMENT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR UPPER VOLTA TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION.

5. TURNING TO NAC RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO, I GAVE GARANGO FRENCH TRANSLATION OF LANGUAGE ON PUERTO RICO CONTAINED IN PARA 47 OF FINAL DOCUMENTS AS TRANSMITTED PARA 1 REF (A). I SAID U.S.G. CONSIDERED THIS LANGUAGE AS FLAGRANT INTERFERENCE IN U.S. DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND MADE OTHER POINTS CONTAINED PARA 4 REF (A). I ADDED USG FOUND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THIS REPRESENTED GOUV'S CONSIDERED OPINION, BUT THERE IT WAS, AND RESOLUTION HAD APPARENTLY BEEN ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

6. WHILE READING TEXT OF NAC RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO, GARANGO'S EXPRESSION WAS ONE OF DISBELIEF. HE SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THIS QUESTION AND THAT ONLY ZERBO, WHO HAD REPRESENTED UPPER VOLTA AT LIMA CONFERENCE, COULD DISCUSS IT WITH ME WHEN HE RETURNS FROM NEW YORK NEXT WEEK.

7. UPON LEAVING, I REMARKED TO GARANGO THERE WERE FEW ISSUES WHICH WE CONSIDERED VITAL TO OUR INTERESTS AND THAT WE HOPED SUCH ISSUES WOULD NOT AFFECT BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND UPPER VOLTA.

8. COMMENT: I INTEND TO SEE LAMIZANA AGAIN AS SOON AS I RECEIVE TEXT OF FRENCH AMENDMENTS TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. MEANWHILE, IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF FRENCH COULD BE INDUCED TO ASK LAMIZANA'S SUPPORT FOR THEIR AMENDMENTS.
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IN TERMS OF AID TO UPPER VOLTA, FRANCE IS BY FAR THE BIGGEST DONOR (AT THIS POINT WE ARE BARELY FIFTH AFTER FRANCE, FED, FRG AND UNDP).

9. COMMENTS ON REF (B) BY SEPTTEL.
GRAHAM

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